repatriated back of their original country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Upto 15th February, 1987, approximately 1,28, 569 refugees from Sri Lanka and 30 from Tibet entered India during the last three years.

Besides, nearly 49,000 tribal (Chakma) refugees also crossed over to India from Chittagong Hill Tracts (Bangladesh).

(b) Refugees from Sri Lanka, are not to be settled in India. However, all those refugees who have sought relief assistance are being given necessary relief in camps. Refugees from Tibet, who had entered India during the last three years, have all been settled.

(c) All the Sri Lanka refugees are expected to go back as soon as conditions of peace, normalcy and trenquility is created in that country for their safe return.

Chakmas from Bangladeish who have corossed over to India from Chittagong Hill Tracts are not to be settled in India but are to be sent back to Bangladesh. About 6967 Chakmas, who came from Chittagong Hill Tract (Bangladesh) to Mizoram have been sent back. The remaining number (nearly 42(000) who are in Tripura are expected to be sent back soon, as soon as atmosphere conducive to their return are created in Bangladesh.

Agencies exporting rice

735. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state·

(a) the names of the private agencies and their owners licensed to export Basmati and other varieties of rice to both rupee currency and non-rupee currency countries during the last two years (1985-86 and 1986-87) and the quantum of export made by each individual agency; and

(b) the quantum of rice exported by the Food Corporation of India during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Export of Basmati rice is allowed under Open General Licence. No export licence is required for the export of Basmati rice. Export of non-basmati rice is allowed within a limited ceiling on first-come-first served basis against letters of credit issued against confirmed contracts for export. There is no system of issuing general licences to any category of exporter for export of non-basmati rice either to rupee currency or to non-rupee currency countries. As per provisional data compiled, the quantum of export of rice during 1985-86 and April—December, 1986 was 2.35 lakh tonnes and 1.64 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) The Food Corporation of India has not exported any quantity of rice during the years 1985-86 and 1986-87 so far.

Deployment of U.S. rapid deployment force on Pakistan territory

736. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any inquiry into the report in the Beirut weekly "Al Arabi" to the effect that U.S.A. and Pakistan have signed an agreement providing for deployment of U.S. Rapid Deployment Force on Pakistan territory and that it would be implemented as early as March, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the facts thereof?